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3. The House Agriculture Committee plans to start hearings on 22 April on the various bills introduced to establish an agricultural foreign service. A copy of H. R. 7997, introduced by Cong. Hope, the Committee Chairman, was sent on 1 March to DD/I, AD/OCD, AD/ORR, AD/OIC, and Mr. Wisner in case any comment from CIA is necessary.

4. The Brownson Subcommittee, of the House Committee on Government Operations, opened hearings today on the operation of the Government's overseas civilian personnel system.

5. In connection with S. 2308, authorizing and directing the investigation of certain offenses by the Attorney General, a Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee has amended the original draft by deleting the requirement that criminal offenses must be referred to the Attorney General for investigation, and has inserted a requirement that a report of the offense be sent to the Attorney General. This will leave the investigative power with those agencies which have such authority unless the Attorney General specifically desires to get into a particular case. It is felt that the CIA agreement with the Department of Justice on this point will cover our relations with that agency satisfactorily and that therefore the statute will not affect our operations.

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